

AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 38

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with LOCKWOOD, ANDREWS and NEWNAM, INC., Austin, TX, for engineering services for the Spicewood Springs Pump Station Improvements Reissue in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Alison Von Stein 974-7217, Bill Stauber 972-0290, Ronald Gentry 974-7133, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

Purchasing Language: Best qualification statement of five statements received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9B of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 16.5% MBE and 18.0% WBE subconsultant participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The Spicewood Springs Pump Station, located at 8100 Spicewood Lane was originally built in 1969 with improvements made in 1982 and a second building added in 1986. The planned improvements will allow implementation of a new pressure zone which is needed to provide increased pressures in the Mesa Greystone area. In addition, the electrical system will be upgraded by improvements to the service and switchgear for the original building. Finally, the ultimate service area that this new zone will serve will be analyzed and a long-term plan developed that will accommodate its build-out.

Services to be provided under this project include review of existing reports and documentation from previous studies, preparation of a preliminary engineering report, completion of design and preparation of construction documents, assistance during bid and award phase, and construction phase services.

This request allows for the development of a professional services agreement with the recommended firm. Should the City be unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the recommended firm, negotiations will cease with that firm. Staff will then return to Council and request authorization to begin negotiations with the alternate recommendation listed below.

Notification of issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the subject services was sent to 254 firms March 21, 2007. The RFQ was obtained by 48 firms, and 5 firms submitted qualification statements. One of the firms was a certified M/WBE firm. Interviews were not held. Evaluation of the qualification statements received results in the following recommendation.